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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

Director, Bureau of Land Management Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Tendering of Application for the Priest Rapids Project, FERC No.

2114-116, Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton, and Chelan Counties, Washington

(ER 03/970)(Agency due date: December 29, 2003)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has noticed the tendering of the application for the subject project. Please see http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a031110c.html for November 10, 2003.

Any additional studies needed by the resource agencies should be forwarded directly to FERC at this time under 18 CFR 4.32(b)(6) by the date noted above. Opportunity for Departmental intervention, review of the applications, and review of FERC's environmental compliance documents will occur at a later date by notice of FERC.

Future Departmental review will begin when FERC determines that the application is **READY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**. Related reviews are under: ER 03/944 and 948.

/s/ 11/20/03

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